Distribution System of Power

2860 SHRI A, VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a)whether government has taken am' steps to improve the functioning of the distribution system of power; and

(b)if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a^ and (b) The power Ministers' Conference held on 26-2-2000 resolved that Reforms must be undertaken with determination, vigour and a sense of urgency. The key elements of Reform strategy are :—

(i) Energy Audit at all levels.

(ii) Time bound programme of 100% metering of all consumers by December, 2001.

(iii) Reduction and finally, elimination of power theft within a specified time frame.

(iv) Strengthening/upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution system by taking sub-station as an unit on a priority basis.

If above appears unattainable in the existing set up corporatization/ cooperatization/privatisation of distribution, would have to be undertaken.

The issue of Distribution reform was also discussed in the Chief Ministers' conferences that were held on 16-10-1996 and 18-12-1998,

Handover DVB to Tatas

2861. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a)whether Tatas have offered to take over Delhi Vidyut Board including generation and distribution of power;

(b)if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any decision in that matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Delhi Vidyut Board (DVB) is under the administrative and financial control of Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. The Vidyut Board has informed that no such proposal have so far been received by them from Tatas.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Power Distribution Policy

2862. SHRI J. CHITHARANIAN :
SHRI GAYA SINGH :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state ;

(a)whether it is a fact that a new power distribution policy for the power generated in the Central power generating plants has been announced; and

(b)if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) ; (a) and (b) No new power distribution policy has been announced. However, it has been decided to treat the present "Gadgil formula" for allocation of power to the States/UTs as "guidelines" for new Central generating stations under which reforming states would get weightage in allocation of power from 15% unallocated quota from Central power stations and also from new power projects.

Electricity Bill 2000

2863. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI .
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI ABANI ROY :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a)whether it is a fact that a number of state Governments have rejected the proposed Electricity Bill that seeks to make electricity reforms mandatory for them;

(b)if so, the reasons for their opposition to the Bill;

(c) whether Government are considering any modifications in the proposed Bill to meet the requirements of the opposing states; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?